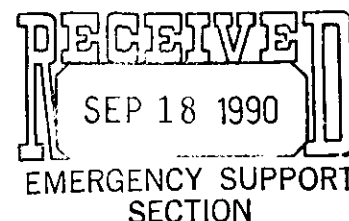


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September 14, 1990



Ms. Debbie Fript
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Emergency Support Section 5HS-12
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Himco Landfill, Elkhart, Indiana

Dear Ms. Fript:

This is in response to the "General Notice of Potential Liability" dated September 4, 1990, which was received by CTS Corporation ("CTS") on September 13, 1990. By providing this response, CTS does not admit liability or responsibility under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq. ("CERCLA"), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §6901 et seq. ("RCRA"), or any other Federal, State or local statute, in connection with this site.

CTS has previously indicated to the Agency, in my letter to Susan Swales dated May 9, 1989, that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, CTS did not use Himco Waste-Away Services, Inc. for the disposal of any hazardous wastes. CTS contracted with Himco Waste-Away Services, Inc. for the disposal of non-hazardous plant refuse. Although CTS' manufacturing processes do generate hazardous waste, these wastes were sent off-site for reclamation or disposal, utilizing a variety of vendors other than Himco. Detailed information concerning some of the haulers used by CTS, based on available documentation, was provided in my May 9, 1989 letter.

Given the above, we believe that CTS has improperly been classified as a "potentially responsible party" with respect to this site. Therefore, it would be inappropriate for CTS to perform or finance any response activities at the site, as is requested in your letter of September 4. CTS is, however, willing to participate in good faith in any negotiations concerning the question of its alleged potential liability at the site, in an effort to cooperate with the E.P.A. and to resolve this matter.

Please direct all future correspondence to the undersigned, at the address shown on this letter. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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